

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**3rd Sunday of the Great Fast, March 20, 2022****Veneration of the Cross**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Miroslava Moriak

r/by Assumption Catholic School

11:30 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross, English

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross, Ukrainian

Friday, March 25, 2022**Annunciation of the Theotokos**

9:00 AM - Lit. Special Intention for the Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

6:30 PM - Lit + Anna Kozak

r/by Daughters Nadia, Maria and Miroslava

Saturday, March 26, 2022

9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy and Lenten Commemoration

5:00 PM - Lit. + Douglas Gochal (40th Day) r/by Vera Gochal**4th Sunday of the Great Fast, March 27, 2022***Epistle - Heb 6:13-20:6; Gospel - Mk 9:17-31*

9:00 AM - Lit. + Tetiyana r/by Daughter, Lyuba Korkh

11:30 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

Lenten Mission-Confession

This year's Lenten Parish Mission will take place on Friday, March 25 to Sunday, March 27, 2022. It will start with the 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy for the Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the Feast of Annunciation. The mission will be conducted by Fr. Ihor Kolisnyk, C.Ss.R., a Redemptorist Father and an assistant pastor of St. John Ukrainian Catholic Church in Newark NJ. He is a well known preacher and confessor. There will be a spiritual talk at each service scheduled during the Lenten mission and time for the Sacrament of Repentance. Confession one hour before all services scheduled during Lenten Mission.

Pre-Cana Conference

If you are planning to get marry in our church, please be advised that this year's Pre-Cana Conference will be held at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Newark on Saturday, April 2nd, 2022, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm. Conference fee: \$150 per couple. Please, register as soon as possible, as space is limited. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Fr. Ivan for a registration form or Lada Bidiak, tel.: 917-842-1109.

Ukrainian Parish Festival

In connection with the bloody, unprecedented war in Ukraine, we are canceling this year's parish festival and focusing all our attention on charitable assistance to our ancestral homeland.

Religious education during the Season of Lent

This week, Sr. Veronica will offer a religious class in Ukrainian to women from the parish on the topic "The Power of Forgiveness". The class will be on Wednesday after the Stations of the Cross.

Thank You.

We are glad that a huge number of Ukrainians and Americans are responding to our need to help Ukraine, whether financially, with medical supplies or by attending rallies in solidarity with people of Ukraine. This Wednesday, our parish and school participated in a beautiful, powerful and moving prayer vigil service in our city. More than 200 people attended a prayer vigil for Ukraine.

The vigil was held because the images coming out of the Ukraine show death, violence, families fleeing and citizens defending their country against Russian forces. Thank you to Katherine Massopust for a well written detailed article about the event, John Baginskiy and Paul Wang for providing pictures that beautifully captured the spirit of unity of all who attended. Thanks also go to our speakers Maria Ann Kukuraza and Lissette Shumny, to Miss Anna Lawrence for organizing childrens choir, Anton Massopust for his help with candles and parish choir "Boyan" for singing the Ukrainian national anthem at the conclusion. God bless you all parishioners and friends who participated! Together we are strong.

The Third Sunday of Lent**Sunday of the Adoration of the Holy Cross.**

In the middle of lent, the Church sets before us the Cross of Christ. The Cross adorned with flowers, is brought out in procession from the Altar and placed on the Tetrapod table in the center of the Church. Following the Divine Liturgy, please come forward to venerate the Cross of Our Lord as we continue our journey of the Great Fast. Because of the health and safety precautions at this time, please do not kiss (or touch) the Cross, even if masked. Simply bow before it as your sign of veneration and as sign of our faith in all it represents.

After the Liturgy, the following is sung three times in the usual manner:

- «Хресту Твоєму поклоняємось, Владико, і Святєє Воскрєсіння Твоє славимо!»
- "To Your cross, O Master, we bow in veneration, and we glorify Your holy Resurrection".

Donations to Aid Ukraine - UNITED FOR UKRAINE.

Thank you all for your solidarity in helping the people of Ukraine. We are overwhelmed by the response from our local community and our parishioners. This past week, our church received many generous donations, totalling over \$22,000.00. We will print the names of the donors of \$500.00 or more.

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**** Every penny collected through these efforts will go to aid the wounded armed forces members and their families; to those suffering the consequences of the invasion by the loss of their homes and their injuries; as well as, those forced to become refugees in neighboring countries.

Pastor's Corner: Your Cross

One man complained that his life is too hard for him. He came to God, told him about his troubles, and asked: - Can I choose another cross for myself? God looked at him smiling, took him to the store of crosses and said: Choose... A man came into the store, looked around, and was surprised: There is such a great variety of crosses - little, big, medium, heavy and light. A man was walking by the store for a long time looking for the littlest and lightest cross and finally found it, then came to God and asked: May I take this one? - Yes, you may, - answered God. It is your own cross.

At the heart of our faith is a God who knows what it is to suffer. Jesus ended his days on earth nailed to a cross. He suffered brutality at the hands of Roman soldiers. He was abandoned by his closest friends in his hour of deepest need. Jesus is described in the scriptures as, '... a man of sorrows and familiar with suffering.' If we bring our suffering to Him today, we don't come to a God who is aloof, indifferent or distant. We come to someone who really knows and cares. He gets it because He has been there. But more than suffering like us, Jesus has also suffered for us. This suffering is what we meditate on during this Lenten Season.

Jesus absorbed the world's pain, took it to the grave, left it there and rose to life again. He did this to give us life, so that the pains we face need not absorb and overwhelm us.